

*Ascension of the Lord – Cycle B*  
*May 17, 2015*

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

**Opportunities to Worship This Week:**

Sat., 5/16, 6:00PM (Vigil Ascension) – Dick Reyling+  
Sun., 5/17, 8:30AM (Ascension) – Bill Grogan+  
Thurs., 5/21, 6:30PM (Easter Weekday) – Joseph Callahan+  
Fri., 5/22, 8:00PM (Easter Weekday) – For the People  
Sat., 5/23, 6:00PM (Vigil Pentecost) – Jack & Thelma Higham+  
Sun., 5/24, 8:30AM (Pentecost) – Larry McClure+

Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. To mark this celebration in a special way, you are encouraged to wear clothing of bright red, orange or yellow to make the church festive for both weekend Masses.

**Sacrament of Penance**

Anytime by Appointment/  
Fri. mornings after Mass

**Prayer List:**

Way-Fair Nursing Home – Kimberly Buchanan, Margaret Perez



Garland Keck, Jack Ciesielczyk, Sharon Reyling, Patty Brunell, Dan Kinsolving, Kathy Bramlet, Aaron Crosby, Brenda Belangee, Chris Bollinger, Jim Mowry, Emily Nordmann, Gary Campbell, Brayden Holden, Phyllis Laird, Larry Tadlock, Joe Basinger, Tristan Atteberry, Kurt Wiseman, Stacy Winkeler, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Whitney Eckleberry, Dick Hibbetts, Noreen Reeves, Abby Bailey, Maddox Oppenheimer, Paula Zdan, Elmer Netemeyer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, all priests who are sick, and those serving in our military.

**Saturday, May 23:**

Lector: Theresa Nordmann  
E. Mins: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn  
Ushers: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh  
Gifts: Nick Zurliene Family  
Servers: Maria Ward, volunteer

**Sunday, May 24:**

Shirley Clark  
Mary Murphy, Peg Garrison  
Drew Garrison, Clayton Titzer  
Pond Family  
Emily & Sarah Titzer

**Our Daily Scripture Readings:**

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| Monday:    | Acts 19: 1-8          | Jn 16: 29-33          |
| Tuesday:   | Acts 20: 17-27        | Jn 17: 1-11a          |
| Wednesday: | Acts 20: 28-38        | Jn 17: 11b-19         |
| Thursday:  | Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11 | Jn 17: 20-26          |
| Friday:    | Acts 25: 13b-21       | Jn 21: 15-19          |
| Saturday:  | Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 | Jn 21: 20-25          |
| Sunday:    | Acts 2: 1-11          | 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 |
|            |                       | Jn 20: 19-23          |

*~Thank you to Fr. Martin-Edward for the extra special First Communion for Collin & Cali, to Judi & Kelsey Osmond for all their help and guidance through the year, to Peg Garrison & family for the wonderful brunch and to Ginny Barrett for the beautiful and delicious cakes. Thank you to all for making it such a special day for the kids & our families.*

*~The Bunting & Pickens Families*

*~Thank you to the Men's Club for the Annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner. Like always, the food was wonderful and it was a fun night enjoyed by all the women!*

**REMINDER:**

- There will be a discussion after Mass this Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> on Bishop Braxton's reflections and letter '[The Racial Divide in the United States](#)'. For the entire reflection, please go to [bellevillemessenger.org](#) or [diobelle.org](#). The Fellowship Committee will provide a light meal for the evening.
- The Pastoral Council will meet next Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM. Minutes & Agenda are on the bulletin board.

***The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...accept the challenge...***

Every day **Catholic Urban Programs** provides food, clothing, shelter and assistance of every kind to hundreds of people who lack the basic necessities of life to survive. Help Catholic Urban continue this important work of serving our brothers and sisters through your contribution to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

Anyone who has ever been involved in **Teen Encounter Christ (TEC)**, the National TEC is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this summer at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows June 12-14, 2015. For more information or to register for the event visit [teconference.org](#). Interested in volunteering for this national event? Contact Sarah Harbaugh at [harbaugh@siu.edu](mailto:harbaugh@siu.edu) or 618-971-8018 for more info on how you can help.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

**Mary, A Special Role** – As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray** – Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan for salvation. What Mary does for the salvation of the human family does not come from her own power, but from the gift of divine grace. Ask Mary to pray for us that we hear and embrace our call as she did hers.